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Artist Dar Bolahood, from left, helps Highlands resident Heather Alloway with a purchase during the 34th annual The Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands on Saturday Oct. 2. The tour, which includes 35 artists representing a variety of media at 23 locations in Haliburton County, continues this coming weekend, Oct. 9 to 10. See the Sept. 30 County Life for the full list of artists and locations. See more photos on page 4. /DARREN LUM Staff



# Solid support for Huskies home opener

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

The hometown crowd came out in force to cheer on the Haliburton County Huskies during their home-opener at the S.G.

Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday night. Seasons ticket holders, billets, parents, and volunteers filled the stands to COVID capacity.

The fans arrived early, lining up before 3:45 p.m. for the 4:30 p.m. game time. Proof of vaccination was required for entry and fans seemed happy to comply

with all regulations including masks.

The Huskies played host to the Lindsay Muskies who shutout the home team 4 - 0. The night before, when the Huskies were in Lindsay, the Huskies beat the Muskies 3 - 2.

Despite the disappointing home ice score, fans were supportive of the team

and some noted that it is still early in the season. Fans are keen to see their team up their performance going forward.

The Huskies will play 54 regular season games, which will include 26 more home games plus playoffs. Most of their home

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Haliburton County Huskies forward Patrick Saini (in white) dives for a puck with Lindsay Muskies players Nate Burelle, left, and Jack Falkner converging during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday afternoon at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies lost 4-0 in their home opener and dropped to 1-1 on the season./DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton County Huskies forward Ethan Gonsalves stretches for a steal against Lindsay Muskies defenceman Matthew Kochanowski.



Preceding the historic first Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) home game for the Haliburton County Huskies, there was the ceremonial puck drop, which included Lindsay Muskies captain William Jones, from left, Chris Vanstone, director of hockey operations for the OJHL, Minden Hills Township Mayor Brent Devolin, Huskies president of business and hockey operations/league governor, Huskies owner Paul Wilson and team captain Nathan Porter.

## Huskies grateful for hometown support

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games will be played on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

The team's owner, Paul Wilson, was on hand to watch his team and was encouraged by the amount of support the franchise already has received from the advance sales of season tickets and backing from sponsors.

Sponsors had their names boldly displayed on the Huskies' jerseys and others also had their company names appear elsewhere. Those sponsors with their names on the newly minted jerseys were visible throughout the game, and especially so when the team lined up on home ice before the game.

Haliburton's Ella Gooley sang out a beautiful rendition of O Canada; fans were impressed to hear such a powerful voice coming from such a young singer. After the crescendo in the final verse, she yelled, "Go Huskies" and the confident young singer set the tone as the players from both teams stood facing the flag.

The Huskies' line up included local lads Joe Boice and Ryan Hall. The ceremonial puck drop included Minden Hills Township Mayor Brent Devolin, who dropped the puck between the two team's captains with Ontario Junior Hockey League director of operations Chris Vanstone, Huskies owner Paul Wilson, president of business and hockey operations/league governor Brad Townsend looking on.

Also on hand throughout the game were head coach and GM Ryan Ramsay, and assistant GM and director of player relations Brian McKenzie. Brian Mackenzie said that it was a great to see the fans turnout in force and commended the Lindsay team for their hard work during the game. He hopes to see a better game result when the Huskies return to home ice. He also noted that Sat-

urday's game was the second game the Huskies played within 18 hours.

Also working hard throughout the evening to ensure a smooth opening night was Jess Jackson, billet coordinator and games day operations manager. Jackson could be seen coordinating volunteers, staff and special guests throughout the game.

The staff was keen to give special thanks to billet families who are hosting the Huskies players in their homes for the season. Providing a welcoming home environment where players can recoup between the games is an important part of the equation that must be balanced to ensure the successful operation of the OJHL team.

Volunteers are also key and many enthusiastic ones were at the arena filling various roles.

There was a solid selection of Huskies apparel available at the game, and judging from the significant number of people wearing them, the Huskies team logo will be a popular fashion statement this fall among local hockey fans.

A statement posted on the Huskies website from Jim Mason OJHL communications said, two area Foodland stores have been offering Huskies merchandise for sale, selling 400 hats and 300 T-shirts alone. The apparel sold at the opening home game presumably boosted those numbers significantly higher.

A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are still available, and you can still sign up to be a volunteer. For more information on becoming a volunteer or a billet, contact Jess Jackson at huskieshousing@hotmail.com.

Head Coach Ryan Ramsay told the Echo "On Oct. 26 we play our home game in Cobourg as this is our showcase tournament not in Minden." A full schedule of the Huskies home and away games, as well as team stats and more detailed information on sponsorship opportunities can be found at: www.huskieshockey.ca.



# Concerns expressed over county's proposed shoreline by-law

Submitted by Brian Atkins

Several groups of waterfront property owners are concerned that Haliburton County's proposed Shoreline By-law will do nothing to renaturalize shorelines on the one-third of County lakes where the shorelines have been compromised but will unnecessarily impinge on existing property rights.

Haliburton County Home Builders Association representatives are urging the County to pause the discussion until after their busy season to allow them to participate.

The by-law, as currently proposed, would allow waterfront property owners virtually no control over the first 30 metres of their property closest to the shore, except for the ability to cut a five-metre path. Virtually all site alterations, tree-cutting or vegetation removal in this area would require owners to submit an extremely detailed site plan to the County and apply for a permit (except where a building permit had been obtained from a lower tier municipality). The criteria for obtaining this permit, the costs and the process to appeal have not been specified.

At the County's second Virtual Open House on Wednesday, Sept. 29, a representative of the owners of over 150 properties on the Kennisis Lakes and other lakes in the County said that

"We all want clean water and healthy shorelines. The question is what policy framework would best do this? First, pollution must be controlled at the source with rigorous septic re-inspection programs and limits on fertilizers. Second, limit lot clearing when vacant lots are developed or major renovations done.

"Most importantly, the County should

focus on restoring the shorelines on the one-third of Haliburton lakes where it has been compromised. Right now, the proposal does nothing to renaturalize the shorelines on the lakes most at risk."

"We already have 30 metre setbacks for new lots, new septic and tree-cutting. Rather than impinge further on our property rights, all levels of government should up their efforts on enforcing existing laws," said group representative Tayce Wakefield.

The group proposed a Three-Point Shoreline Plan which they say would be fairer and more effective. The plan includes a 10-metre buffer on all lakes, within which a maximum of 20 per cent of vegetation can be removed, with a simple permit process if owners want to make changes on already developed lots.

They suggested that new lot developments and significant renovations should require owners/contractors to submit a simple site plan with the building permit application to the lower tier municipality showing their intent to clear no more than 20 per cent of the shoreline. A simple permit process would be established for those looking to exceed this limit.

Most importantly, the County could then focus its efforts on plans to renaturalize the 30 per cent of Haliburton Lakes which the 2019 Lake Health Report showed had less than 70 per cent natural/regenerative shorelines. This would include providing education and expertise to property owners on "how-to" renaturalize and "where-to" obtain the native plant materials, as well as positive recognition programs and possibly incentives.

Wakefield said that the County's online survey this summer showed that over 60 per cent of respondents said a

natural vegetation buffer should only be required on a property's first 5 metres or 5 to 10 metres, while only 15 per cent called for a 21 to 30-metre buffer and less than 8 per cent said it should be over 30 metres.

She said that the County consultants' "State of the Science Report" concluded that there simply is no "one size fits all" solution. Their report says (on page 22) that "Numerous researchers advocate a more flexible approach in delineating buffer size ... The fixed width approach is typically used by planning authorities because it requires less knowledge of the underlying science and is more easily enforced."

Wakefield said her group has made three thoughtful and constructive written submissions to the County over the summer. They are disappointed by the County's lack of response or acknowledgement, and questions its interest in receiving thoughtful input from the waterfront property owners most affected, but almost entirely excluded from the discussion process.

HCHBA representative Aaron Galbraith expressed frustration that the County has not acceded to the Association's request to pause over the busy summer season to allow their members to more effectively participate in the discussions.

"Yes, this proposal has been under discussion for some time. But it is highly controversial and it's important that they get it right. There are already 30-metre setbacks in place for most activities. But what they're proposing is unnecessarily administrative-intensive (for both contractors and the County) and inflexible which would make things much more difficult for us, while not addressing the

main problem which is the shorelines on some lakes that have been clear-cut and have lawns to the water."

"Between the challenges that COVID has brought us, the labour shortages and the weather, our members are scrambling to meet our work schedules. It's near impossible to also find time to work with the County on legislative proposals, but they are not interested in our pleas to give us time until the quieter winter season," Galbraith said.

Another group of 100 property owners on Kushog Lake has also written to Haliburton County Councillors to express their concerns. They said that their views are not being represented in the discussions and the County's consultants have focused their efforts on special interest lobbying groups and associations that do not speak for property owners.

"Different lakes have different challenges and need specific remedies; however, this proposed bylaw does nothing to address specific lake issues," said Thomas Moch, a Kushog group representative.

"The various federal and provincial laws and existing by-laws provide a measure of protection for our lakes, if properly enforced. But this bylaw is effectively expropriating the most valuable portion of our properties. As the proposed bylaw seeks to further reduce our property rights, the language in the bylaw is too vague making the overreach that more excessive."

The Haliburton County consultants are expected to propose a new draft to council in October. All groups expressed hope that it would be a fairer, less administration-intensive and less costly approach that would focus on renaturalizing shorelines on the lakes that most need it.



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Haliburton resident Jane Dart points out details in paintings to her children, Sebastian, six, and Felix, four, who came to visit their neighbour and artist Max Kalinowski during the 34th annual The Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands on Saturday Oct. 2. The tour, which includes 35 artists representing a variety of media at 23 locations in Haliburton County, continues this coming weekend, Oct. 9 to 10. See the Sept. 30 County Life for the full list of artists and locations. /DARREN LUM Staff



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With a work in progress at the back, Artist Rose Pearson gestures, as she shares her creative process with a person attending the Studio Tour.



With vessels by artist Barbara - Joy Peel in the foreground, a woman looks at a piece at her studio.



Artist Jane Selbie speaks with a person about her mixed media textile work.



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## Conversation or fire starter?

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER Week runs from October 3 to 9 and this year's theme is "Champion the truth, spark conversation."

Telling the truth can be a dicey game; championing it can get you killed. From the comfortable desk of this thriving community newspaper, it can be easy to distance oneself from the world of other journalists who have died championing the truth. The Saudi born *Washington Post* journalist, Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi, who was murdered at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, 2018 is always the first one who comes to mind when I think of journalists who have paid the price so that others might hear the truth. There have been many more.

Newspaper week is marking its 81st anniversary; when you think of all of the reporters who have risked their lives championing the truth to cover events like wars, military coups, and natural disasters, you begin to accumulate a pretty long list of individuals who have risked life and limb to bring people the news. Places like Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, China, the Philippines, Somalia and Mexico remain very dangerous for some journalists.

The backward momentum away from the truth might lead some to despair. However, it might lead others to remember this quote from Mahatma Gandhi who said, "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it-always."

This point reminds me of the dif-

ferent role that many journalists play in championing the truth. This role is one which The *Haliburton Echo* has proudly taken on since 1884. Championing the truth also means sharing the good news stories of community members; it means sharing the local news and events that might only be relevant to a small number of people. It means leaving space for people to have their opinion heard even when we might disagree with it.

The truth is sometimes hard to reach, and when you silence opinions that are different than your own, it is a sure bet that you haven't found it. If something is true, it can stand

up to the arguments of others. If you are afraid of others' points of view, maybe it's time to consider that your so-called truth might be built on a shaky foundation.

It is strange that we have both the saying, "The truth will set you free" and "The truth hurts." Most of us want our freedom without the pain it takes to get it.

As we celebrate National Newspaper Week leading up to Thanksgiving Day, I am grateful for the journalists who have told the truth even when it is painful to hear. I am also grateful to be working in a community where are freedoms are such that we can focus on the second part of the theme for National Newspaper week, namely, to "spark conversation."

I laughed the other day to learn that one of our contributors had used a local paper to light a fire; you can't do that with digital news! My hope is that many of you will continue to join in conversations sparked by this newspaper. If those conversations are held around campfires which we have also helped to light, so be it. It is always good to feel useful.



katrina boguski

## Editorial



Sunflower stare

by Darren Lum

## Clean up

THEY WERE starting to look pretty disgusting. When Jim first put them on the window ledge, they were big and green and promising. What he hadn't known at the time was there were imperfections in the skin that would soon fester and ooze in a slimy way. Before long tiny flies began circling like vultures, then alighting onto the rotting mess.

When Jim first planted the tomatoes at the end of May, he had such high hopes. He could already imagine the plump red things glistening amid greenery, ready to be harvested. Sauces, salads and sandwiches.

But then life caught up with him and before he knew it, he was knee-deep in the seasonal summer madness. Too much to do and not enough hours in the day. So the garden got the short end of the stick. Every morning as he sat with his morning coffee, Jim looked out at the garden, guilt weighing him down like rocks on a turtle's back. Staking the plants came a tad too late to do much good. Weeds loved to spread wide their reach. And all he could think of was opportunities lost because timing is everything when you're gardening.

It wasn't just the tomatoes that suffered either. Jim had bought heritage beans to plant from a local seed producer. The package made great promises and in the spring, the thought of fresh tender beans with a little butter and salt and pepper had made his mouth water. Unfortunately, reality again grabbed his fantasies and wrestled them away. After all, how many beans can a person eat? And after some time, those beans grew big and thick-skinned and no longer have the tender delicate flavour he had anticipated.

Jim was not one for pickling. Even if he had the time, which of course he didn't. He was a cook it or freeze it kind of guy. But first you have to pick it and that's where he fell down. Time was not on his side. The lettuce bolted into richly yellow flower heads. The basil became bushy bouquets with white around the edges. And the

cucumbers and zucchini were in a race to take over the backyard.

So he gave up. Jim knew when he was beat. And when the deer managed to conquer the fence, he told them to go for it because at least the stuff was getting eaten. He consoled himself with the thought he had rescued some of the tomatoes but then the mush on the window ledge ended that dream as well.

Boy did he resent those pictures on Facebook. Smooth and perfect globes nestled in a basket. Plates of colourful dinners overflowing with a rich goodness that can only come from fresh, nourishing produce. And him with rotting veggies.

Now it was time to clean up. Time to pull up whatever the deer had left and haul it away to the compost pile. Oh look, Jim thought, I forgot about

those peppers beside the tomato plants. Poor things hadn't stood a chance. There was something almost therapeutic about clearing out all those abandoned hopes that now twisted around each other, choking, constricting and pulling themselves down. They lay on the ground looking sad and unwanted. But wait – here's a squash. I guess the animals didn't get to it before I did. So now what, he wondered.

With October coming up quickly Jim had a bit more time on his hands. Thanksgiving was still a week or two off and that would be a busy weekend when it arrived. However right now he had a rescued squash and a free afternoon so what to do? Then he had a brain storm. He could phone his neighbour Monika and ask her how to make squash soup. Jim had enjoyed it at her place in the past so he knew she was the person to call. Maybe he could even invite her over for a meal of it once (and if) it turned out tasty and good. Perhaps he could cajole her into bringing one of her pies for dessert. He had noticed her out in the apple orchard last week so maybe she was making some of her famous pies. It was definitely worth a phone call.

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## Infectious TV

ONE OF the things that has surprised me most recently is how the entertainment industry hasn't latched on to the pandemic in order to provide shows that reflect our new daily existence. After all, COVID-related things are topical, trendy, and relatable. And that sort of entertainment also delves into uncharted waters where anything is potentially possible.

Not to brag, but I happen to have an idea for a pandemic-based show that is sure to be a huge hit.

I pitched it to Jenn the other day, mainly because I'm not sure what the COVID-regulations are for focus groups yet. And she seemed intrigued by the idea. So much so that she also insisted that I never utter the idea in public, presumably because she thinks it's too hot an idea to share.

I still never forget the look of excitement on her face when she uttered the historic words:

"So, you want to create a game show called 'Celebrity Cold Sore'?"

She then shot me the same look she did when I suggested that we create a line of one-piece bathing suits with shark fins attached. Unfortunately, I never could find backers for my "Beach To Myself" line up of swimwear. Nor my line of swimsuits for flatulent people with the strategically placed blowholes.

This idea, however, is bound to be a hit.

As I explained to her, I envision the show hosting two masked contestants, who, after being introduced and set six feet apart, will yell small talk about their pandemic experiences and zany vaccination stories, before getting right



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## Loon Tales

down to business.

And that business would be taking turns guessing, which of the nine masked celebrities sitting in the used Hollywood Squares platforms, has a cold sore.

I'm thinking that each contestant would start with \$1,000 cash and lose \$100 per wrong guess. (If the game show is only picked up by a Canadian station, make that \$100 in cash, and \$10 per wrong guess.)

Here's the thing though. If they guess correctly, they can try for the double or nothing bonus round, in which they will declare whether a celebrity chosen by the host has further things hidden under their mask, such as horribly chapped lips, pimples, weird rashes, a runny nose, a newly grown soul patch, unwanted facial hair, missing teeth or last night's food in their beard.

Exciting? You bet!

But, let me just say this game show is not going to be just another place for celebrities to get more of the right kind of exposure.

No, before the guessing round begins, the celebrities would have to disclose pertinent facts such as did they play spin the bottle in the 1980s, spend any time working in a kissing booth, visit Studio 54 in its prime or go on a Grade 8 grade field trip for three days.

If the idea gets picked up, I'm hoping that we can get Blink Martindale to host. Unless the internet is steering me wrong, he is the younger, less flirty brother of game show great Wink Martindale. He is just like Wink except that he is physically incapable of closing less than two eyes at a time. And I feel that sort of distraction will also make the game a little more challenging.

Sponsorship shouldn't be an issue either, as I think companies like Abreva, Lipactin, Blistex and Lipsyl would be only too happy to jump right on the bandwagon. And since there would definitely be no kissing on the show, it would be kid friendly too.

I truly believe this is the best and most exciting idea I've ever had. Unless I am totally off-base here, the concept is catchy. Heck, this idea has to go viral.



## pic of the past

Parish Hunt Camp on Loon Lake in the 1910s. Harry Clarke is at the far left and Fred Parish is at the far right. /Submitted by Kate Butler of Haliburton Highlands Museum

## Responsible stewardship needed

To the Editor,

Our family is reacting with alarm and distress to the Harburn Holdings proposed development of 88 condominium units on Peninsula Road on Grass Lake.

The glaring problem is that these condominiums would be built, if not technically on, certainly immediately adjacent to, a huge wetlands which is an important contributor, not just to tiny Grass Lake's ecosystem, but indeed to the whole five lake system of Lake Kashagawigamog. We have watched with growing horror for years as Harburn Holdings has, with seemingly no restrictions, dumped truckloads of fill in the inner wetland portions of this property, cleared out all undergrowth, and removed many of the trees!

This summer our young children (seven to 10 years old) learned about Grace, the (estimated) 125 year old snapping turtle (and identifiable by her damaged eye) which lives and feeds in these lakes. One day this summer the children cleared out of the water and watched with fascination and respect as Grace swam in the shallows of our beach. Meanwhile, there was no respect for being demonstrated by Harburn Holdings on our lake's wetlands as they drilled test wells and readied their property for development.

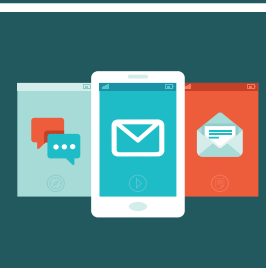
Three weeks ago our youngest, little Norah, spotted a loon lethargically languishing on our beach. Clearly it was not well. We took the loon to the wildlife sanctuary and crossed our fingers. After two weeks they called us and asked if we

wanted to release it back into Grass Lake where it was living. We immediately drove over, picked up the loon and released it back into the lake last Saturday. The children were thrilled. The Sanctuary told us that the loon had not been getting enough to eat; it was actually starving! And this, in a lake with two wetlands.

Both of these examples demonstrate stories of responsible stewardship by our youth. Two alone from our cottage this year. How many other such stories are there from the other 70 properties around the lake, each one contributing to responsible stewardship of Grass Lake's ecosystem? Meanwhile, condominium development would irreparably harm Grass Lake's ecosystem and dramatically disturb the habitat of the creatures who live there.

Wetlands are to be treasured and preserved. This proposal seeks an amendment to Dysart's Official Plan (their bible for development guidance) as well as a Zoning bylaw amendment to build these condominiums. Surely there are other building sites in the county that do not infringe on our wetlands. It would be an abdication of responsible management of the environment for Council to approve the Official Plan and Zoning bylaw amendment! What is the environmental legacy that we want to leave our children and grandchildren with?

Matthew Ross, Kate Cinnamon and families  
Cottagers and stewards of Grass Lake  
all of our lives at Haliburton



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# Shoreline issue has many sides

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

On Sept. 29 Haliburton County Council hosted its second virtual open house to discuss the proposed draft shoreline preservation bylaw. Participants could access the meeting via Zoom or via telephone. As of press time, the recording of the meeting, which is available on the county's YouTube site, had 759 views. This amount is more than 10 times the average number of views for most videos listed on the county's channel. The only other video to exceed this number of views was the first virtual open house held on the same topic.

The popularity of this video, and the number of residents represented through various delegations, is evidence of the weightiness of this topic. Despite the complexity of the issues raised by the proposed bylaw, and the variety of opposing views it exposes, the tone of the meeting was both civil and conciliatory. Although multiple presenters raised concerns about a lack of response to their submissions sent earlier, some presenters did commend the consultants for their willingness to listen and for their consideration of points that had been made to date. These consultants were from two firms which were brought on board to make recommendations about the bylaw.

A statement posted on the county's website says, "In light of the significant interest in this issue and the Draft By-law, the County retained external, independent consultants to review the matter and return with professional recommendations on a new Shoreline Preservation By-law for the County. Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Limited and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. have been retained by the County to lead this exercise."

Warden Liz Danielsen opened the meeting with comments noting that council's role at the meeting was to

listen to the delegations, regardless of the views they presented. She also noted that council would not be responding to questions during the meeting.

The initial draft of the proposed bylaw is available on the county's website for residents and stakeholders to read. Warden Danielsen said that she wanted to be clear that the consultants would only be using the draft bylaw as a possible baseline in developing a new document for council's consideration in October.

Danielsen also addressed the concern and disappointment raised by some people who had requested the option to use a PowerPoint presentation during their delegation. She noted that the decision to not allow such presentations was based on the desire to provide equitable treatment of all presenters more than on expediency. She said, "Those individuals making delegations at our initial meeting didn't have that opportunity and we want to make sure that we offer fair and equitable treatment for all those who have comments that they wish to make."

At the close of the meeting, after thanking representatives from both companies, the Warden said, "...Good work. It's really great to hear from the public and to hear the different perspectives." She also added that council continues to receive public input on this issue through other means of communication such as email. She confirmed that council is continuing to listen to stakeholders, regardless of their perspective on the issues related to shoreline preservation.

Where do you stand on the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw? Are there parts of the bylaw with which you agree? Are there aspects of it you would like to see changed? Make your opinion known to *Haliburton County Echo* readers through a letter to the editor or an op/ed piece. Complex issues deserve thoughtful discussion and a well-written letter to the editor is a time-tested way to start or continue a public conversation.

## Jim Harrison remembered

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Another farewell to long time friend of Maple Lake and Stanhope area has left us in the person of Jim Harrison. He died on Sept. 22, as his wife and daughters spoke their goodbyes. Jim and Elma's daughters were Michelle and Juanita, born and raised here in Haliburton. Jim left quite a legacy as hunter, outdoor sportsman, as former member of local and county councils and member of Arcadia's Masonic lodge in Minden. His kind-heartedness was felt in all aspects of his life for which he will be fondly remembered. Our sympathy goes out to all who held him dear.

Although not, strictly speaking, a local outdoors-man, most of us know Steve Galea for his humorist delightful articles in this paper. He makes his mark amongst us in his two articles of this fall issue of *Ontario Out of Doors*. The first is a question and answer article in his interview with Matt Duchene where his perspective reveals Matt's love of family life and of fishing, complete with a picture of his demonstrating how to cast to his son. The second tells of a never too late to learn article of his dream of carving decoys, demonstrating his accurate eye for colour as well as his much admired skill as writer.

Tomato harvesting meant that I had to dig out my recipe for Indian Relish. By the time I had skinned or peeled tomatoes, apples, onions and added spices and vinegar and watched it all 'cooked until thick' I felt a new respect I had for the old Watkins Cookbook.

What do I do in my spare time! Always someone to phone, to write to, to invite in for tea (and if lucky) serve a butter tart. Somehow there's always time to read, knit or play piano.

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## MBC Lake Association invites support of local food bank

The idea, at MBC, was a simple one: We are all fortunate to be able to cottage or live in this community, and not all the people that make the community what it is are equally fortunate; Let's do something to make it just a bit easier for them in need of some help.

Until COVID complicated matters in 2020, MBC (the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association in the Municipality of Algonquin Highlands) volunteers collected food and money donations at St. Peter's Church, on Maple Lake, over two days on Thanksgiving weekend. Sorted food donations (a couple of pick-up loads on a good year) were delivered straight to the MCFC along with cheques and cash dona-

tions. Over the years, and with some matching funds from the MBC itself, we have dropped off tonnes of food and thousands of dollars donated by our members and neighbours.

The pandemic has made it, to say the least, difficult and impractical for the MBC to do food donation collection as in the past, but the Association remains committed to supporting the community of which we are so lucky to be a part. So: This year, the MBC has put out messages to its' membership and our neighbours to give what they can in cash, directly to the MCFC. The MBC and MCFC have arranged to track marked donations so that MBC can match up to \$1,000.

In addition, the MBC is having an appreciation raffle for donations over \$25 (eligible for a tax receipt from MCFC) from its' members.

The MBC would like to invite other Lake Associations and other organisations to join them in doing what they can to help the Minden Community Food Centre stock up for the fall and winter; Thanksgiving is not just a symbolically good time for helping out, it is also the beginning of the slower times here in the County. With the tourists and cottagers heading off, jobs are scarcer, and times get a bit harder.

Don't forget: food donations are still always appreciated and the MCFC is able, with proper protocols in place, to receive them directly.

Find out the many ways anyone can give by calling them up, or go on-line at

Donate - Minden Community Food Centre (minden-foodbank.org).

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# New book inspires the wonder within

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is a brilliant quality projected by Noelia Marziali, as she talks about her first book, *The Fantastical Eyeball Exchange* while sitting at a picnic bench reflecting on her passion of sharing her family's story on the shoreline of Head Lake in Haliburton.

It's clear this work is from the heart and a nod to her Uruguayan ancestors, who have a history as story-tellers.

From her own written description of the picture book, this first literary effort created digitally on an iPad, is about two "Feisty sisters engaged in battle, sun versus moon. Leave it to the cosmos and an eyeball swap to shift their perspective and launch them into a curious dream world. [It is the] first book of a series based on a pair of sister's dreamy education in the concepts of acceptance, inclusion, and perception."

This passion project depicting her two daughters, Fia (for flame in Latin) and Luna (for the moon in Latin) in her 28-page paperback is about encouraging readers of all ages and genders to be open to seeing someone else's perspective. She said her daughters are an example of contrasts for more than just the seasons they were born in, Fia in summer and Luna in winter.

She hopes readers will be inspired to be open to seeing the world in a new light.

"Other young girls and boys can get inspired by their adventures to come and for adults [also]. I read a lot of books to my children and there's a lot I can't read for the twentieth time because there's no substance and there isn't something exciting for the parent. I really tried to make it digestible for kids and adults. And if nothing else, for the adults, there's interesting artwork that is not just cartoon style drawings that are more specific to children ... Children, we have to give them more credit. There are a few words here that a child may have to ask their parent 'what does that mean?' But I think that's important. I don't dumb it down for them. They're not dumb. Kids are smart as hell, so I think it's important to be somewhere in the middle. Treat adults and children alike. We're all humans."

Marziali said it was important her story be centred on female protagonists that don't fall into any clichés of the past.

"It's important to have as many stories about young girls and woman that aren't about them dressing up as fricken princesses ... and especially connecting young female characters to natural cycles and the importance of being good caretakers," she said.

Look carefully, she said, and you may pick up on a few details that pay homage to favourite authors of the family, which include Roald Dahl and Neil Gaiman.

Her literary inspirations for this book are Latin American authors such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Isabel Allende.

Combining graphic work and text was purposefully personal.

"I've always loved words and images together. I've



Above, *The Fantastical Eyeball Exchange* picture book is the latest creation of artist Noelia Marziali.

Left, local artist Noelia Marziali hopes her self-published picture book, *The Fantastical Eyeball Exchange* will inspire wonder about the outdoors. It's a book she said that provides readers of all ages something to appreciate, whether it's the story and/or the artwork./DARREN LUM Staff

always been a fan of old rock posters," she said. "The aesthetic of typography and highly graphic art has always been super appealing and I've always done that. I really had to fight the urge to make the typography super weird, so that every page looked like a poster. That was my instinct. It was what I like to do. Just use regular font that people can read, but I still messed around with it a little bit, so that it's not the same size on each page."

Marziali said she may be selling a hardcopy book, but she's really worked towards offering a full spectrum of public awareness through her social media marketing of it with videos of the process.

"It's all working together. I want it to be alive. I don't want it to be something that sits on the shelf ever. I don't want my art to just hang on a wall that not everyone can afford. So, this was just a way of taking this idea that is an ongoing shameless promotion of what my family does because what we have is really special and I want to share it," she said.

Marziali said the book, which demanded a steep learning curve with the use of software to complete her work, wasn't possible without help. She is grateful to the Haliburton County Public Library and its community of making tools and support, as well as the Lindsay Hobbs of Topaz Editing and Literary (<https://topazliterary.com/>), who helped edit this book and the next one in the planned three part series.

The next book, *Birchbark and Stardust*, features the two "feisty sisters and their whimsical dad embark on a wild river ride. A surge of stardust nearly capsizes their canoe. Suddenly, they are master builders who know

each plant by name and the trio will never be the same." See [leatherwoodandpaint.myportfolio.com/old-lines](http://leatherwoodandpaint.myportfolio.com/old-lines) for more information about the coming book. Marziali's Redbubble shop, links and presence on social media platforms such as Linkedtree and Instagram, including *Fantastical Eyeball Exchange* artwork and her other artwork and can be found on her website [www.noeliamarziali.com](http://www.noeliamarziali.com). Purchase the book directly from Marziali or through Amazon.

On Oct. 18, she is scheduled to run a Digital Comfort Cafe workshop, which will show the public 'behind the scenes' of the process creating digital works. The workshop was possible with the Haliburton Arts council and Haliburton County Development Corporation funding.

She adds it was a bit of a conflict to determine whether her story was unique and interesting. However, upon self-examination she saw the value of sharing her family's story, comprising an openness to the world, the complexities of her children, her Uruguayan background, her husband, Erik Scuhr's German background, and their relationship and qualities that make it work, including the 26 years that separate them.

"Yeah, every story is unique and I'm going to share what is important to me and that is find magic in life. Look for it. It's out there. When I look at the forest I see this in a sense. I can trip out to the forest or the fungus because it's incredibly beautiful and I want to celebrate it and hopefully have other people see that it's not just what we're seeing. There's so much more. It's magic," she said.

## Athletes' mural fundraising efforts nears \$35,000 goal

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The community has stepped up in bringing Olympian Lesley Tashlin and her brother and first professional football player Taly Williams to have their likeness join the wall of athletes on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena depicting notable athletes from the area such as Cody Hodgson, Mike Bradley, Matt Duchene, Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse.

Since the fundraising to cover expenses related to the murals began at the beginning of July, there has been \$31,500 raised through GoFundMe and Dysart Township.

"It's great. We had a great response and we had a response from a lot of people. Some people donated large amounts and other people donated small amounts. It all contributes to it," Jim Blake, Dysart Cultural Resource Committee member and co-chairperson of the mural wall fundraising committee said.

Initially the goal was set at \$30,000, but that total was increased after a reevaluation of the expenses and adjusted accordingly.

Blake said the generosity demonstrated by the community speaks volumes about how it's never too late to correct a wrong. Recognizing the achievements of the Black athletes was long overdue for the pair with Tashlin being among the best track athletes for Canada on the world stage a little more than 20 years ago and Williams, pro football trailblazer by playing for the CFLs Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Ti-Cats.

Blake said none of this effort would have been possible without the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's Grade 7 and 8 class taught by Marina Thomazo, who campaigned for the siblings, going back to the start of the year after learning about them during school.

Thomazo said in a text, "We are so thrilled it will happen and that we are part of the change."

In addition to their letters, delegations and presentations made locally to town council, the class also pushed for the cause on social media and used #OurMurality #HerTrackHisField to garner greater attention and support, which included universities, retired teachers and principals, and CFL teams.

Officially, the artist's identity will be announced later this year when an agreement is finalized, Blake said.

The selection process was narrowed down to two art-

ists and included an evaluation of their work and their proposal by the mural wall jury, which comprised of members of the public with a background in art and members of the township's cultural resource committee. It also included input from Williams and Tashlin.

Blake said, "It's their story, so you want to make sure they're happy with the artist as well. So, they were able to look at the artwork of the different artists and they came to an agreement of the same artist for both murals."

He adds further feedback from the athletes will be given to the artist for mock-ups for the final result, which will be completed on panels that will be prepared in the artist's studio. The finished work will measure 18.5 feet wide and 12 feet high and will be expected to be completed for a May installation on the A.J. LaRue Arena wall.

"It's an important story and it's really nice that this is happening along with the [Haliburton Highlands] Sports Hall of Fame," Blake said.

To learn more about Williams and Tashlin and donate see [www.dysartetal.ca/en/explore-and-play/haliburton-s-mural-wall-of-sports-heroes.aspx](http://www.dysartetal.ca/en/explore-and-play/haliburton-s-mural-wall-of-sports-heroes.aspx) or [www.gofundme.com/f/help-students-fund-murals-for-tashlin-williams](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-students-fund-murals-for-tashlin-williams).



# 100 miles of (mostly) smiles at the Haliburton Forest

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Whenever I tell people I raced this summer in the 8 Hours of Hurtin' in Haliburton held a few weeks ago at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve the common question is how did I do and what did you do to train for it?

Well, I finished in the middle of the pack, which is fitting for a middle-aged me, and, as for training, I just rode a lot.

When I registered to race several weeks before, I had aspirations of achievement dancing in my head. How that would manifest itself I wasn't entirely sure, but I thought the 3,000 kilometres of biking, including a little more than 40,000 metres of elevation should count for something.

At the end of it all I was very satisfied with my 100-mile performance, finishing 41st out of 84 solo men riders. It's not exactly anywhere near a podium, or a top-10 finish, but I think I'm what can be best described as a weekend warrior and far from being a high-performance athlete.

The marketing for the race included the statement, "Easier than a day in the office."

I'm not sure about that, but it was definitely far more enjoyable.

The race included a variety of racers tackling the 27 kilometre loop as many times as they could in an eight hour period on single-speed bikes, and geared bikes, as pairs and individuals, which included endurance challenge seekers like me.

The race route starts with a quick descent, followed by a few punchy climbs that gets the body primed, one steep climb at close to the 14 kilometre mark that tests the heart and lungs, another fast descent to dilate the eyes and test the reflexes, and ends with about a five kilometre climbing section to challenge the resolve for a return to the start. At first glance, or really one lap, it's not very difficult, as far as routes go in the Highlands where enduring elevation that tests ones desire to cycle is part of every ride. Do it six times though for a 100 miles and you definitely know whether you've prepared, putting the time in on the saddle.

While some racers cursed the climbs, it was the one area of my riding that I gained on other racers. As a shorter rider, I appreciated the opportunities to see some semblance of progress. It was actually the flat sections that I found most difficult – I think I need more weight training.

At the start of the race, I was riding well, keeping with a pack of several riders, who made it possible to ride 27 kilometres an hour – riding with other riders creates a break from the wind for those that follow.

In my mind, it was a strong pace and could yield a solid finish, if we stay together. That wasn't meant to be



Echo reporter Darren Lum is a study in concentration, racing in the 8 Hours of Hurtin' in Haliburton hosted a few weeks ago at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Easier than a day at the office was how the race was pitched. Lum experienced the reality of that statement and more during his 100 mile odyssey of sweat and toil. Photo submitted by Valley Works.

as the group broke up with some dropping back and others moving forward.

On my own my average pace slowed by a few kilometres an hour with the exception of the end of the day when I rode my fifth lap with the eventual third place solo woman finisher, and the last lap with an unnamed solo male rider, who helped me go faster with his pace and also created a slipstream for me to follow for about a quarter of the sixth lap, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

Any notions of racing glory, which include the likes of raised arms in the air at the finish line or even nipping another competitor at the line for a top-10 finish were quickly dashed part way through the first lap of the race.

At close to the 13 kilometre mark of the first lap, a lead pack of riders came by me and the group of riders I was with, like a train, two-abreast charging up the continuous climb that peaked close to a 10 per cent grade. It was both inspiring and humbling at the same time.

At that point, I started to tell myself: I'm a tortoise, not a hare. I'm a tortoise, not a hare. Pacing and nutrition is key to a multi-hour effort. I didn't want to hit that proverbial wall when you don't know what's up and what's

down from being so tired. I spent about 30 minutes eating lunch and speaking with friends, catching up with one friend, who I hadn't seen for several years. This was a race, but it was also an opportunity in the social interaction opportunities and the beautiful scenery and savour the scenery on the less technically demanding sections, which offered shoreline clearings enabling views of shimmering lakes and golden sunshine.

There's a lot of personal mind games at play with an endurance event that takes the course of a day.

Stricken by calf tightness, I can remember telling myself: just one more. I can still make the cutoff time before they stop me from starting another lap. This was happening at a time when shadows stretched across the roads, showing the approaching end of the day. With 135 kilometres completed over a little more than five hours, I had contemplated calling it quits with the leg cramps and overall fatigue setting in. However, with a couple hours still to go I figured I could ride my last lap slowly. I started with this plan and was pretty pleased with myself. However, only about eight kilometres in and I found another male solo rider, who I wished I got his name because he not only helped me stay motivated to ride at a strong pace, attack the climbs, even lead the way, which enabled me to follow in his slipstream where the effort is less, but the time together was jovial and made the return to the finish line fly by. It was a memorable aspect to this race, which I believe is true of endurance tests, where there is a mutual understanding of the suffering and the desire to finish that is difficult to accurately be described without experiencing it first hand. As I crossed the finish, strangers applauded my effort.

By end of my odyssey, I retreated to my camp chair by a set of trees off to the side of the finish and ate, and ate, and ate. I must have spent about 30 minutes eating and drinking. I was completely drained physically and mentally from the high output of energy and the constant focus of racing on an ever-changing terrain inherent to gravel road racing. If smart watches are to be believed, I was in a low state. It showed five out of a possible 100 rating for energy. Despite this quantified evaluation of my overall state, I felt elated for having met my initial goal to complete six laps for a 162 kilometres. The last time I had ridden a distance like this I ended up at the hospital with heat exhaustion, so being tired was an improvement and made the finish all the more rewarding for this average Joe.

Like most things in life, it's not how you start, so much as how you finish something.

The really great aspect to racing isn't so much the competition for me, but the people there, who come from down the road and across the province.

For me it ranged from getting to speak and share time with friends I hadn't really seen except through social media interactions, or the friendly and encouraging volunteers stationed at the aid stations and close to the start finish areas. I typically don't race because I'm a terrible racer: overly competitive for no legitimate reason and how I can get consumed with anxiety in the lead up. I registered for this race for not only the experience and to see how my fitness measured up to others, but it was also to be part of a growing sport that has found a place here in the Highlands. I wrote a promotional article for this race in its first year and that was a small affair with a few dozen racers. This year registration exploded to at least three-fold and this growth is expected to continue. Kudos to event sponsors, founders and organizers Marc and Heather Sinclair of Valley Works for bringing people from all over to fully experience and endure the rugged beauty of the Highlands on two wheels in a safe and fun way.

A shout out to the many dedicated volunteers, who provided assistance at the aid stations, erected the signs for the route and kept competitors hydrated, fed, motivated and smiling.

By the numbers, I completed six laps, each 27 kilometres, totalling 162 kilometres, which included close to 1,800 metres of elevation in seven hours and nine minutes for an average speed of 22.7 kilometres per hour. It didn't put me anywhere near the podium, which included area residents Nick Emsley in the solo men's race and Belinda Bain, both second place finishers. Emsley completed eight laps in seven hours and 30 minutes while Bain completed seven laps in seven hours and 37 minutes.

Despite my experience lacking race glory, I won where it really counted for me, which was my soul tally. This includes the completion of initial goal of six laps at my first gravel bike race and having the energy to ride the next day. That is a victory in my books and that's what really counts.

## Wee Care shows they care

Being in child care we want to honour the children's lives lost, the suffering they have endured and that they continue to endure as their culture has not been respected. We want to give acknowledgement to the indigenous people for their suffering and loss. Seeing this day as a starting point to bringing awareness to the struggles that they have and continue to face.

Top left clockwise: Denise Wolm, Morgan Phillips, Carleigh Warburton, Marie Nicholls, Robbie Balaski, Tanya Cowen, Courtney Crowe, Rebecca Millar, Rebecca Fahrur, Fatima Martins, Keeleigh Prokopetz and Kristie Clements.





# Koshlong Lake cottagers raise money for Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

When one donates time and money to something they feel is important, every effort counts, big or small.

For Carolyn Dobson and her son, Cole Dobson, raising funds for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank through a bottle drive was the ultimate way to spend their last weeks of summer at the cottage.

Cole participates in a program called the ABLE network in their hometown of Stouffville. The ABLE network stands for Access to Better Living Employment. Their mission is to "create a network of committed community partners providing inclusive work and recreation options for adults with intellectual disabilities (ID). To ensure that all options are relevant and are provided in natural job and community settings in a supportive environment," as the website reads.

The program runs daily from Monday to Friday, so during COVID-19, Cole engaged in the program through zoom. Work, recreation/healthy lifestyle, literacy, transit training, volunteering, and social networking are the ABLE network's six core programs that participants learn and follow day-to-day.

Therefore, the idea to create a bottle drive came to Carolyn one day when she realized that she wanted Cole to do something else in between and after his Zoom sessions.

"One of the jobs the ABLE network put on was the Bottle Shed, and that particular organization has put out close to \$20,000 to local charities based on the bottles that are donated."

"The summer came around and I thought why can't we do this at the cottage. From doing this at the cottage, he would continue his volunteer work, maintain work skills and enhance his social skills by communicating with neighbors while collecting and doing returns at The Beer Store," she added.

Carolyn Dobson contacted the Road Association on their lake and together they decided they would set up bins at the end of five different cottage roads for locals to drop off bottles.

"The road association sent out notices to the cottagers on the roads to inform them that a bottle collection is going to be picked up once a week and proceeds all go to Haliburton Food Bank. Then it began, and we would pick up bottles about twice a week. They were just overflowing," said Dobson.

"We started on the July long weekend and we ended on the Labor Day weekend. For those weeks, we would go out at the end of the weekend to empty and sort the bottles then take them into town. By Thursday night, we would have to empty them again, then on Friday, it was amazing," she added.

Cole and Carolyn collected over 10,250 cans and over 3,500 bottles and donated \$1,650 to the 4Cs Food Bank. Donating to the Foodbank was something that the Dobson family felt was important for the Haliburton community.

"We were in the middle of COVID, and I know that people had lost jobs. You drive down Main Street, Haliburton and some stores were closed through COVID. Everything was closed.

We just felt like it would be a good

see FOOD page 12



Cole and Carolyn Dobson, on the right, emptied and sorted bottles and cans twice a week from the July long weekend to Labour Day weekend. They collected over 10,250 cans and over 3,500 bottles and approached food bank manager, Judy MacDuff, to the left, about donating \$1,650 to the Haliburton Foodbank. / Photo Submitted



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Warm donation

Fort Irwin Marina owners Brad Willing, from left, and Maria came together with Vallerie Pagnello of Youngdale/MacEwen Petroleum with an effort to pay it forward to area families with a donation of \$3,836.95 to cover heating expenses this winter. Although the two businesses each contributed \$1,140.65 to the final tally, the donation included a community contribution with a spring and summer can collection at the marina totalling \$1,165.65, the "Ice out" dinner draw total of \$305, an area resident, who does "Irwin's nails" with \$60, and the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association's donation of \$25. This latest effort to give back has been ongoing for the past 10 years by the marina to help.

/DARREN LUM Staff



Food bank appreciates generosity

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place to give back. This project was COVID driven," she said.

Food bank manager, Judy MacDuff, was beyond thrilled and appreciative of Carolyn and Coles efforts.

"Carolyn had come to the Lilly Ann one day and was telling me about what they were planning on doing and said that they're doing a bottle drive and they would like to donate the proceeds to the 4C's Food Bank. I told them what a great idea. We appreciate it very much. And thank them very much for all that hard work."

MacDuff says the money that was donated will provide the Food bank more than a month's worth of fruit and vegetable food boxes for clients.

Carolyn and her family have been cottaging on Kosh-long Lake for six years, and always hope that Haliburton will be their future retirement community. Carolyn hopes that Cole will find a sense of community in Haliburton as well and feels that their project helped him step into the community a bit.

"I think it's important, not only for Cole, but for other people to see the importance that Cole can bring. A lot of people think individuals with intellectual disabilities are unemployable. It's quite opposite. They're reliable, hard workers, and they'll work till they get the job done," said Carolyn.

"It's crucial for Cole to also see the importance of having a job and contributing to society, and that not everything is given to you. Also, just because he doesn't have a full education doesn't necessarily mean that he's not capable of doing something that's important."

Carolyn engages in a lot of community work and supports many local charities but is not sure if she and Cole will do this again next summer but see a future of volunteering in Haliburton.

"Finding Cole a job in the community, or volunteering at the food bank, could be in our future. I also hope that Haliburton is my full time community one day, and I hope to maybe volunteer with Judy at the food bank, or wherever I'm needed."

Carolyn was thrilled by the response from the food bank and MacDuff.

"They all were appreciative, thankful, and happy that they did that. It was mentioned that not only were they appreciative of the donation, but also that the bottles were staying out of landfills, which was something I really didn't even think about. It was a very positive experience," said Carolyn.



Cole, pictured above, and Carolyn Dobson collected over 10,250 cans and over 3,500 bottles. /Photo Submitted

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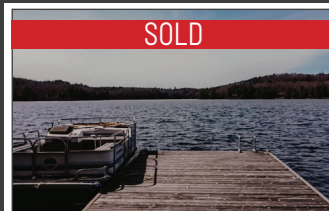
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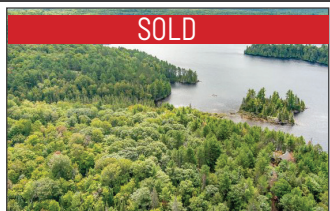
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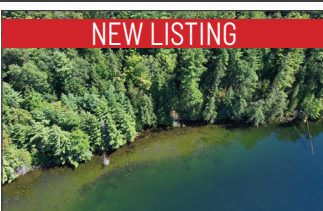
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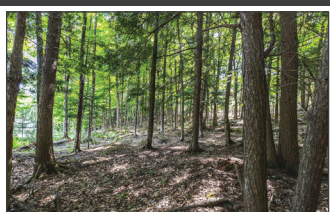
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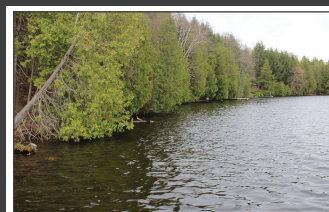
- 2274sf, 4-bedroom, 2 bath, built 2006
- Open concept, floor-ceiling stone FP
- Sand/rock shoreline, 2 lake chain
- Great privacy & WEST exposure



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### Percy Lake \$1,300,000

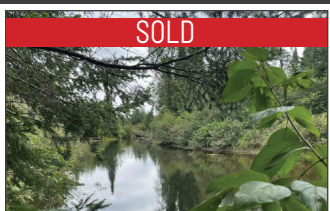
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# Kohara + Co. makes great impression at grand opening

KATRINA BOGUSKI

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"People do not buy goods and services. They buy relations, stories and magic." This Seth Godin quote appears on the Kohara + Co. website. If you don't know who Seth Godin is, you might get a sense of his influence if you visit this lighting store.

The interior and exterior lighting store, which also offers home decor, seems to have internalized the essence of Godin's marketing genius and put it on display in an inspiring setting where local residents and contractors might engage with it. It seems like there is a story behind every product they offer and a person behind every story.

Godin is the author of several books on marketing including *Purple Cow*, *Linchpin* and *Permission Marketing*. He has penned or uttered many quotes that reflect his belief in statements like, “Be genuine. Be remarkable. Be worth connecting with.”

The folks at Kohara + Co. are all of these things, and their authenticity was on full display during the open house they hosted recently. Not only was the occasion a chance to see their new store at 175 Industrial Road in Haliburton, it was a chance to see and experience the work of some other local businesses too. The event made one feel that Brandi Hewson and her team were as concerned about sharing the spotlight with other local businesses as they were about shining it on themselves.

This collaborative approach is a deliberate part of the philosophy that motivates the Kohara + Co. brand. Hewson told the *Echo* that a quote from Charles Darwin,

which appears on some of their marketing material is very important to her.

Darwin said, "Those who learn to collaborate and improvise most effectively prevail." Hewson explained, "In such a competitive, often short sighted world we live in especially in business, I believe it is so critical to seek the opportunities to share and partner to create and provide the ultimate experience but also to lift each other up and try to contribute to each other's sustainability in business."

The generous gestures and attention to detail which created this welcoming atmosphere also explained the well-earned confidence shown by the team at Kohara + Co.

In a conversation with Tamara Bain, it was evident that she knows her stuff. Her level of product knowledge was impressive, and she conveyed a significant number of intriguing facts about the products in the store in a way that was conversational and downright inspiring.

Investing in design can pay huge dividends, and lighting design offers one of the best returns on investment. You may spend hours staring at paint chips, fretting over colours, but if your light is off, the colour on the wall could look entirely different. Lighting is also one of the fastest ways to make or break the ambiance of a room. Your furniture and décor might be stunning, but if they are in a room full of shadows, or viewed under light that is too harsh or too dim, the whole mood of your room could be set off. Don't be surprised if the mood of the room has an impact on your own mood too.

The conversation with Bain also pointed out how investment in quality light fixtures, fans and other products can result



Brandi Hewson and Tamara Bain during ribbon cutting ceremony at their grand opening.  
/Photo submitted

in using less energy. Using less energy is good for your wallet and the environment.

Whether you are in the market for couple of Edison inspired LED lightbulbs, or are planning a complete lighting makeover or new build, the crew at Kohara + Co. has a selection of lighting and other products as abundant as that found at any big city designer and they have the expertise to help you sort through the options available.

Their website states, “Kohara + Co. delivers an exceptional lighting solution and tailored experience to our clients designed to exclusively enhance interior and exterior spaces. We collaborate with and support our community of designers, trades and clients resulting in a truly valued and impressive result.”

This collaboration with other businesses was shown tangibly in the gift bag that each person attending the grand opening took with them. The brown craft paper bag with handles and the Kohara + Co. logo neatly affixed to it was stuffed with swag offered by vendors and other local businesses. These included things

like light bulbs, votive candles and business cards from various local merchants; on the cards were written various discount amounts or coupon offerings. There were also several high-quality door prizes of significant value which were supplied by lighting vendors and other local merchants.

In reflecting on how the grand opening went, Hewson said, “We have been overwhelmed with interest and support. It’s so invigorating to have people come by and trust in us to help guide them with their light selections but also to just drop by to see what Kohara is all about and share their love of our space and our vision. It’s so important to us to have a space people feel welcomed and inspired in and having that reinforced by our visitors comments and shared joy that we even exist in Hali-burton as such a demanded service is so solidifying for me that I’ve made the right investment. We are listening and taking in all the positivity and have so much more to share as we continue to grow on this journey with Kohara + Co.

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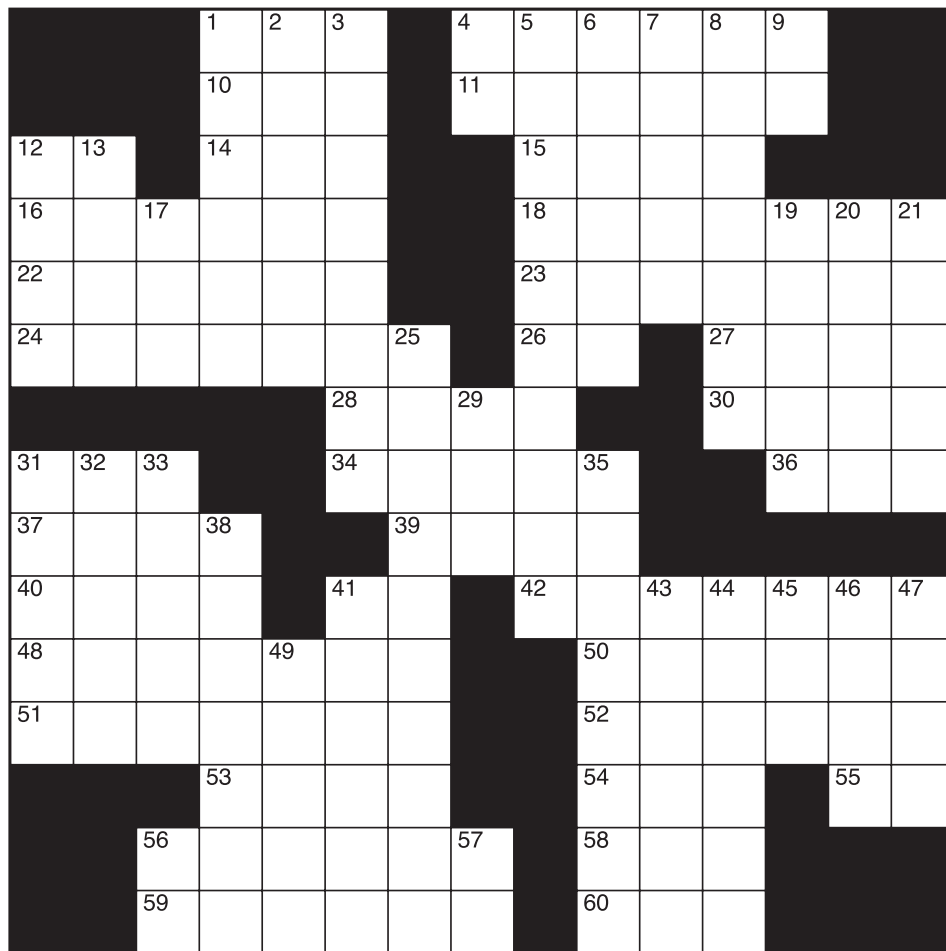
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1. Numbers cruncher
4. Creator
10. A type of center
11. About spring
12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
14. Precursor to the EU
15. Something that can be fast
16. Gold-colored alloy
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. A hard coating on a porous surface
23. A type of detachment
24. Filmmakers need them
26. Promotional material
27. \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
28. Short, sharp sound
30. Feeling of intense anger
31. Popular TV network
34. Island entry point
36. Disfigure
37. College army
39. One who's revered

40. Long, winding ridge  
41. Football stat  
42. Stealing  
48. Hawaiian island  
50. More raw  
51. In one's normal state of mind  
52. Daniel LaRusso's sport  
53. Tropical American monkey  
54. Measures heart currents  
55. Midway between south and east  
56. Knotted again  
58. Born of  
59. Value  
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

7. Small arm of the sea  
8. More seasoned  
9. Atomic #81  
12. Type of pear  
13. Chemical compound  
17. One's mother  
19. Vietnam's former name  
20. Snow forest  
21. Church officer  
25. Hardens  
29. Ancient  
31. Advertising gimmick  
32. Subatomic particle  
33. Not fresh  
35. Loosens  
38. Religious symbols  
41. Film  
43. Orthodontic devices  
44. Grilled beef sandwich  
45. Journalist Tarbell  
46. Brooklyn hoopsters  
47. Japanese social networking service  
49. Romantic poet  
56. Dorm worker  
57. Poor grades

### CLUES DOWN

1. Mother tongue
2. Removes potato skins
3. True
4. Early multimedia
5. The making of amends
6. Discovered by investigation

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# 25 Years of Fundraising for Health Care

At the recent Haliburton Highlands Health Services AGM (reporting on the Foundation's fiscal year ending March 31, 2021), some significant health care milestones in the Haliburton Highlands were acknowledged. These milestones included the recognition of:

Haliburton Hospital: 85 years  
Minden Hospital: 65 years  
Hyland Crest: 55 years  
Haliburton Auxiliary: 50 years  
Highland Wood: 25 years  
Incorporation of HHHS: 25 years  
HHHS Foundation: 25 years

And 2022 will mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost (the site of the first Red Cross Outpost Hospital in Ontario, the first hospital of any kind in Haliburton County and surrounding area, now a National Historic Site of Canada).

It's an impressive list demonstrating the history of health care facilities and organizations in the Highlands.

As impressive, from the perspective of HHHS Foundation, is the depth of generosity and support given during its 25-year tenure to support health care.

In addition to \$6 million raised in the community for the rebuild of the Haliburton and Minden hospital sites which opened in 2000, over \$10.6 million more has been raised to date to enable the purchase of priority capital equipment for the hospital and health care facilities, and to support education and community programs.

Over the years, critical medical equipment identified and funded has included new x-ray equipment for both Haliburton and Minden hospital sites, which was

(last year) updated to digital, and further supplemented by digital portable x-ray machines for first the Minden, and then Haliburton, sites; ultrasound equipment, including portable ultrasound; echocardiographs, and a major project for new and upgraded cardiac telemetry equipment, to name just some. Important infrastructure equipment such as beds, and ceiling lifts have been funded for hospital and Long Term Care, as well as the creation of 2 Infection Control Rooms for the Emergency Departments. The Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre was added as a new wing to the Haliburton Hospital site in 2017.

Some equipment funded over the years meant the opportunity to provide new services, including Telemedicine (now also supporting the Haliburton County Virtual Primary Care Clinic), and Bone Mineral Densitometry diagnostics.

Community Programs have also been a focus in recent years; funds have supported the purchase of 2 vans - for Meals on Wheels, and for accessible transportation. Funds have also been provided for the in-home Emergency Responder System units, Mental Health programs, Meals on Wheels, and Medically-Required Transportation. Addressing accessibility needs, from Long Term Care to community, including the redesign and relaunch of an accessible responsive website, paired with a new Community Program Information System was a further funding achievement.

That's just a sample of what the extraordinary generosity of this community of permanent residents, seasonal residents, cottagers and visitors has helped make possible to support HHHS' ongoing goal and commitment to be leaders in innova-

tive rural health care, and to provide the quality of care we've all come to rely on - and it's pretty impressive.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospital and health care facilities in Haliburton County for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The money

is raised through personal, business and corporate donations, special events, annual and planned giving programs. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that dedicates time and expertise to have better health care and hospital facilities. For information on ways to support local health care, call (705) 457-1580 or visit [www.hhhs.ca/foundation](http://www.hhhs.ca/foundation).

## Fall foliage and a thankful heart

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BIA in the Village

I TOOK A quiet, long drive through a good chunk of the Haliburton Highlands this past weekend and around every corner a landscape of breathtaking fall foliage greeted me.

The journey was a beautiful reminder of how stunning the autumn colours are in our county this time of year. It's the perfect season to explore the trails, visit an art studio or two or simply take in the changing pace of life as the bustle of summer lulls to the leisurely tempo of fall.

At the end of Sept. a number of volunteers and BIA executive members helped decorate the downtown with festive harvest displays. A heartfelt thank you to all who lent a hand in helping to beautify our downtown! The displays have been met with enthusiasm and positive feedback and I truly think they add flair to our little village at this time of year.

The Haliburton BIA is gearing up for the fall and winter with some exciting events and activities planned for the next few months. We are excited to bring back some of our successful events including a Ladies Shopping Night, just in time for the Christmas season. More details to come.

The Haliburton Farmers Market is wrapping up this week and I for one am going to miss it. The market ran every Tuesday from May to Oct. and without a doubt it brought many visitors and shoppers to our village every week.

This past weekend was the first of two Studio Tour weekends, a popular attraction that happens throughout Haliburton County. Artists across the Highlands open their studios and showcase beautiful and unique items including pottery, jewelry, paintings and more. The Studio Tour continues this weekend, with some studios located right in Haliburton Village. For more information visit [www.thestudiotour.ca](http://www.thestudiotour.ca).

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students walk along Highland Street towards the Halbiem Crescent during the 24th annual Terry Fox. HHSS student Nick Phippen ran from Camarvon to Minden and to Haliburton on a different day, which was related to the fundraising effort.



### For Terry

A Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student holds up a sign, alerting drivers of peers crossing Highland Street to Halbiem Crescent during the 24th annual Terry Fox run held by the high school on Wednesday, Sept. 29 in Haliburton. Students ran and walked from the school, heading west on Highland Street, then completed the Halbiem Crescent loop and returned to school on Highland Street. The school raised \$2,500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. /DARREN LUM Staff

# To be happy and healthy every person needs ...

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County held a Basic Income Event beside the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton to celebrate the 14th International Basic Income Week.

People passed by on their way to the Farmers Market. More than three dozen people stopped to chat, and almost all of them responded to our invitation to complete this sentence: To be happy and healthy every person needs ...

The invitation was intentionally open-ended, recognizing that not everyone would be thinking about Basic Income. We asked people to write their answers on cards. The following is a summary of those answers.

Housing topped the list. Clearly, housing was considered a prerequisite to being happy and healthy. Responses included affordable housing, stable, secure, adequate and safe housing, supportive housing, reliable heating, and clean water.

Almost as frequently, people thought of needing enough food... and a number mentioned the importance of needing nutritious food.

People also indicated the huge importance of health-care and a sense of well-being. A number mentioned dental care, being able to afford prescriptions, access to mental health services, relief from chronic stress. One answered "hope"; another, "freedom"; a third, "equal rights"; and yet another, "a clear conscience".

Many responded with reference to relationships. They thought every person needs friends, family, community support and acceptance to be happy and healthy. A couple thought pets were important.

The people who thought that everyone needs a job to be happy and healthy described that job: secure and personally fulfilling, paying enough to relieve the worry about meeting basic expenses.

Because people knew that it was Basic Income Week, some wrote comments describing what a basic income would mean to them. It would provide security and relief from worrying about meeting basic needs. Freedom from those worries would give a person time to think, to broaden their horizons, to take risks, to consider continuing their education and have time to pursue hobbies.

Finally, there were responses that reflected broader issues of concern in the community. For some, to be happy and healthy every person should have affordable

transportation, affordable internet service, a retirement that is meaningful and affordable, the necessary personal supports to live in one's home, adequate long-term care, and a change in the electoral system to proportional representation.

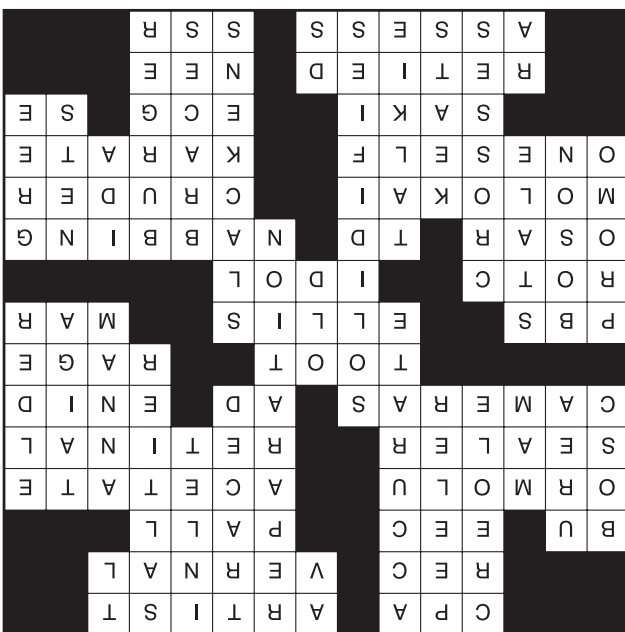
We would like to thank Rails End Gallery for their support and everyone who took the time to participate in this important discussion.

Visit our Facebook page or contact us at [info@concernedcitizenshc.ca](mailto:info@concernedcitizenshc.ca).

Submitted by Carolynn Coburn,  
Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

*Editor's note: How would you finish the sentence, "To be happy and healthy every person needs ..." Write your response in a letter to the editor. Why not keep the conversation going? Do you think guaranteed basic income is a viable move? Why or why not?*

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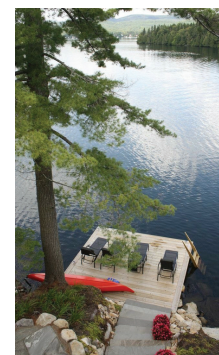
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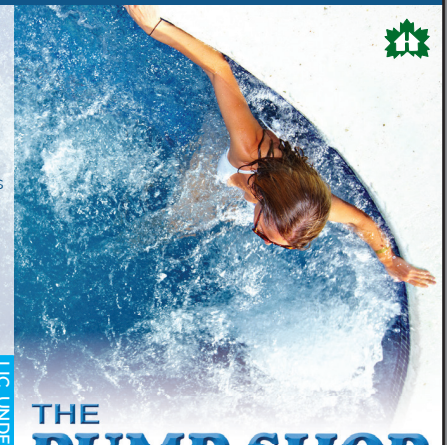
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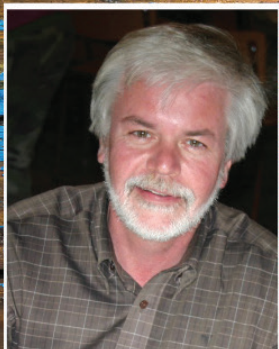


### In Loving Memory of Marianne Debernitz

At her daughter's residence in Southampton, Ontario on September 27, 2021.

Marianne Debernitz in her 96th year passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Predeceased by her husbands, the late Gustav Debernitz (2003) and Josef Eger (1965), Marianne will be dearly missed by her children, Rosemarie and Rainer Eger, and her daughter-in-law Janice Slater Eger, as well as her extended family in Canada and Germany. Marianne's star will always be shining down on her beloved garden at the Echo Hills Legion Apartments in Haliburton. Anyone who ate at her dinner table will remember her exceptional cooking skills, and recall her love of music in the house, whether playing at the piano or listening to classical recordings. Her deep love of family in Canada and Germany forged a tight knit bond that minimized the geographical distance. A long-time resident of Trapper's Point on Redstone Lake, Marianne's spirit will live on in the lake's glorious sunsets and pristine waters. A private family interment will take place. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Casey House, Toronto, <https://caseyhouse.ca/> Condolences can be left at the Eagleson Funeral Home website: <http://eaglesonfuneralhome.com>.

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### County concerned about new reports on acid rain threat

Some councillors on Haliburton County council want explanations from the Ministry of Environment concerning recent reports that say acid rain is affecting the area's foliage, as well as lakes.

Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al and spokesman for the water levels committee said at a county council meeting last Wednesday that "we're not doing enough" about the acid rain problem. Fearrey was particularly concerned about "conflicting reports" of the effects of acid rain from daily newspapers.

"We're not getting to the proper people," he said. "I'm not sure what the answer is, but we should know what's being done from the Ministry of the Environment."

During the summer, Dr. Sam Linzon, head of the phytotoxicology division of the resources branch of the Ministry of Environment, told county council that there is no direct proof that acid rain has any effect on terrestrial vegetation.

But recent findings show that acid rain is affecting vegetable crops and forests, and a team of Canadian and U.S. scientists have said the environmental damage is spread over a larger area than was first thought.

"Our very future is at stake, and if this gets into the forests, then we'll really be in trouble," commented Fearrey. He added that the county should request that Linzon return and explain the situation more fully, in light of the more recent reports.

Lutterworth Reeve Ron Gambell, felt the county "should really put a push on the ministries involved to spend more time and money on the project and gathering and collating information."

Stanhope Deputy Reeve Elgin Stouffer pointed out that the MOE has a "completely reversed stand" on the effects of acid rain since the summer. "We've got to give these people some direction," he said.

Council made no formal decision on the matter.

### CAS wants 10 percent, council asked to object

The Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society is considering raising its fees 10 percent to cover a bank overdraft it has incurred over the past year.

The Society, which serves Haliburton County, has been the subject of controversy since county council discovered several unusual business practices by the Society in June. Among them were charges that foster parents sat in on budget meetings and voted to decide how much money they should be paid, that cheques for amounts as large as \$30,000 have been written bearing only one signature, and the Society has loaned money to employees for the purchase of cars.

Council's representative on the CAS committee, Meredith Amm, reported to county council last week that the Society is now considering asking the counties it serves to pay a 10 percent increase for the services. The county currently pays the Society \$10,400 a year. The fee is based on population and use.

Amm advised council to "refuse" to pay the extra amount because he said, "I don't think we're receiving 10

percent more services." Amm added that the Society is "way over budget." Amm accused the Society of "in-discriminate spending without authority." He added that he was not alleging that the Society was spending illegally.

Lutterworth Deputy Reeve, Glynn Lewis, referred to a recent article in the Globe and Mail concerning overspending in Children's Aid Societies, pointing out that the practice has become "extremely excessive." He said committee meetings of the Society tend to be "clouded" whenever there are a greater number of citizen appointees on the committee than municipal, a situation which currently exists in the Kawartha/Haliburton Society.

"It's an empire that does deserve examination," Lewis said.

Amm said that at the last meeting of the CAS committee, foster parents "corrected" the practice of sitting in on meetings when discussing money by declaring "a conflict of interest."

"It's certainly of advantage to the Association that



Jim Harrison, Haliburton County's Warden for 1979, addressed an audience of county officials, local politicians and friends last Saturday at the traditional Warden's Banquet. The outgoing warden cited the adoption of the planning strategy as the major achievement at the county level this year. Others who spoke at the gathering included MPP John Eakins and MP Bill Scott.

Official plan still several years away

### Warden sees strategy as major achievement

The adoption of the Planning Strategy has been the biggest single accomplishment of county council in the last year, according to outgoing warden Jim Harrison.

Speaking at a banquet last Saturday to mark the impending conclusion of his one year term in office, Harrison cited the strategy as an important document for the future of the county. And in a telephone interview Monday night, the Stanhope reeve said he hoped county council would "continue on and make a more comprehensive study of the whole county."

The planning strategy "is an umbrella policy," Harrison said. "That's all it is and that's all it's meant for." He said municipalities within the county "are not tied to it" and can still make their own decisions about planning, a flexibility which he sees as positive.

Asked why council chose to push for the strategy rather than an official plan, Harrison said his "interpretation is that the thing is going to be done in stages to make sure that, instead of doing a complete (plan) and having to turn around and amend (it) a dozen and one times, ...doing it in stages, you will iron it out as you go..."

Harrison said the Ministry of Housing thought the planning strategy might remain in effect for ten or 15 years, but that "that's not (council's) intent." He said he hoped that "within the next five or six years approximately," the county would have an official plan, and that the next step in the process is "to do a lake study."

The warden said he would not say turning the strategy into an official plan integrating the rest of the county with Dysart et al, which already has an official plan, "is not going to cost more money"

but that the county is hoping "to get a little help" from various government departments.

Besides working to continue the planning process, Harrison said the "biggest challenge at the present time is to get more employment within the county (through) clean industry." And the Economic Development Commission, which was expanded to nine members this year and which is currently working to draft a plan of action "is going to have a big bearing on it, that's for sure," the warden said.

The commission has been working on a one year mandate, and it is not yet clear whether it will continue in its present form (three members of county council, three Chamber members, and three ratepayers) but Harrison said experience this year has shown "where there's strengths and weaknesses within (the commission), and I would hope that something of this nature could continue on."

The warden said the position "is a challenge at any time" but that he could not pinpoint any specific frustrations in his term. He noted, however, that the office forces you to be "out quite a bit. You deprive your family by sitting in the warden's chair, that's for sure."

Harrison said he would "have no idea at all" as to who his successor might be, but that if it were offered to him again, he'd turn it down. "One year at a time is enough," he said. "It takes a lot of time, more than the public really knows about."

He stressed, though, that "it's a damn nice honour to be chosen as warden of the county."

Harrison is the third person in his family to sit on county council, and the second to serve as its warden.

## Economic development commission sets down plans

by Joe Banks

The Haliburton County Economic Development Commission approved a long range plan at a meeting last Thursday.

The plan, the subject of much change and debate among the commission during the past few months, outlines the long term "plan of action" the commission hopes to follow to attract new business to the county.

The document was prepared by commission director John Hogg, and contains the commission's basic purpose, issues and constraints, major goals, its organization, proposed major actions and plans of an initial annual programme.

The commission's basic purpose, the document says, is "to encourage and assist viable economic development in Haliburton County consistent with the long term best

interest of the county as a whole. Economic development encompasses industrial, commercial, institutional and recreational development."

Effect on grants could hurt local taxpayers

### County objects to new factors

Haliburton County council is objecting to the implementation of the province's new equalization factors until the government can guarantee there will be little or no change in the grant structure beyond 1980.

The factors, which were released in the Ontario Gazette last July, are intended to bring about equity in taxation and transfer payments throughout the province. The province has said the resource equalization grant structure for 1980 will not change, but council is concerned that the situation could be altered in the long run.

"Looking ahead to 1981," Reeve Murray Fearrey told council, "there's a possibility that education grants will go

down. We should object before the province tells us what will happen in the long term."

Council noted that rural areas with a high degree of agricultural assessment and a low degree of industry could have increased shares of educational and regional costs.

"Based on increases and undue burden that is known in rural municipalities," the final resolution read, "the council of Haliburton County must object until a program is set out by the government of the Province of Ontario that goes beyond the short-term promise and commitments for the term 1980." Copies of the letter will be sent to John Eakins, M.P.P. for Victoria/Haliburton, the Minister of

Revenue, the Treasurer of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Board.

amended the document slightly, stressing that the commission should try to stimulate any form of economic development, rather than pure industry itself.

Director Murray Fearrey pointed out that the commission's main purpose is "to give people jobs" in Haliburton County, and that should be emphasized as the major goal, he said. Hogg agreed with Fearrey, but said the commission first has to "focus" the types of projects and undertakings it could assist in developing.

Issues and constraints facing the commission were also outlined generally in the plan, though there was no specific mention of any single

issue the commission plans to pursue. The report listed four basic objectives under the heading of "major goals", but no mention was made of tourism, Fearrey pointed out.

"We're not getting any input from the Ministry of Tourism and if we can't establish communication with them, that should be one of our goals," he said.

Hogg said the point was outlined in the report as requiring major action, and said the commission should implement an "active, speci-

fic program to sell Haliburton to the Ministry of Industry and Tourism representatives dealing with business enquiries."

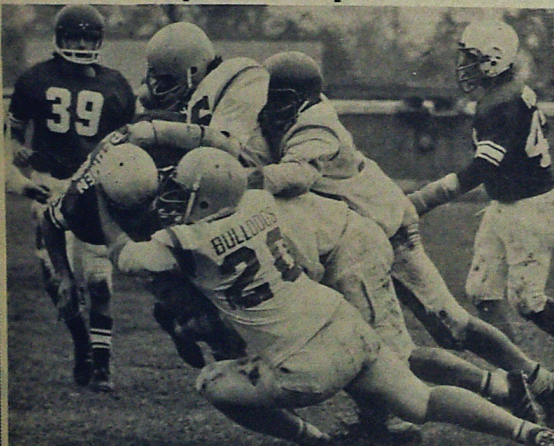
The plan also outlines the general organization and other goals of the commission. It stresses that a central information source which would keep files on the county and other pertinent information should be formed, and outlines what such an office could carry out.

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Game against Lakefield the last obstacle

### Redmen win again, championship near



Despite the fact that this Haliburton Highlands Secondary School football player was gang tackled by four Cannington players during a game last Thursday, the Redmen handily beat their opponents by a score of 32 to 6. The Redmen won another game against I. E. Weldon Secondary School from Lindsay a week ago last Tuesday, and will play against Lakefield College for the championship game on October 31. The Redmen have been undefeated throughout the season.

### Seniors support program now in the planning stage

A volunteer with the Ministry of Community and Social Services is hoping to organize Haliburton County's first community support program for senior citizens.

Doris McCann outlined her ideas to Haliburton County council last week, and made a presentation to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Council later in the week. With a committee of 15 people, McCann has been attempting to organize and gather information concerning the financing and implementation procedures of such a program. The aim, said McCann, "is to try to help the elderly remain independent. It is our hope to keep these people in their own homes where they would find it more comfortable."

Currently, the committee is investigating possible sources of funding for such a support service, and are determining exactly what kinds of services should be made available. McCann told council that Haliburton County has "double the number" of old people found

in the average county throughout Ontario, yet no community support services are available here.

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Members of Tourism Ontario gathered at Wig-a-Mog Inn last weekend for seminars and discussions. Shown looking over promotional material are from left, Bob Jennings, Sandy Lane Resort; Marion Henry, Halimar Resort; Peter Elmirst, who led a discussion on rates for housekeeping cottages; Joan Stinson, Willow Beach Cottages; and Bruce Henry, Halimar Resort.

## School enrolment down, board figures show

The number of students attending elementary and high school in Haliburton County is down this year as a trend toward declining enrolment continues to make itself felt.

Figures released by the Haliburton County Board of Education this week show September 30 enrolment of 1368 students in elementary schools, down from 1402 at the same time last year, and from an eight year high of 1629 in 1972.

Secondary school enrolment is down only slightly over last year, with 623 students registered as of September 30, compared with 634 at the same time last year. Greatest enrolment at

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in the past eight years was in 1975, when 681 students attended classes.

Last spring the board voted to cut the teaching staff at the high school by four for this school year, reducing the number of teachers from 41 to 37. A further six teachers were dropped from elementary schools in the county.

Total enrolment for schools under the jurisdiction of the Haliburton County school board was 1997 September 30, down from 2043 last year, and highs of 2256 in 1972 and 2254 in 1976.

Enrolment at Archie Stouffer Elementary School stood at 431.5 at the end of last month, down slightly from

last year's total of 437, and from an eight year high of 528 in 1972. (Kindergarten students count as one half for statistical purposes).

There were 100.5 students at Cardiff school September 30, down from 113 last year and a high of 162 in 1972. At Dorset school, enrolment is 51, compared to 59 last year and a high of 101 in 1972.

Enrolment has remained relatively constant at Gooderham Elementary School, with 38.5 students registered this year, from 43 last year but up from 1974, 1975 and 1976 figures, and down only slightly from a high of 44 in 1972.

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Senior Elementary School had 482 students registered September 30, up from 435 at the same time last year. Main reason for the increase is the elimination of a Grade 5 class at Wilberforce elementary school. The change also shows up as a drop to 49 students at Wilberforce compared to 76 last year.

Enrolment at the Senior Elementary School is down from an eight year high of 516 in 1973.

Highest enrolment in that period at the Wilberforce school was 94 in 1975.

Victoria Street school enrolment stood at 215.5 last month, down from 239 last year and a recent high of 251 in 1977.

Compiled by grade, figures also indicate that enrolment is falling, although Grades 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13 all show slight increases this year. The increases are largely matched by declines for other grades, however, as particular age groups progress through the system.

Kindergarten enrolment (which is counted as one half) was 63 at the end of last month, down from 70 last year and a high of 89 in 1975.

There are 145 Grade 1 students in the system this year, the same number as last year, but down from a high of 192 in 1976.

Grade 2 enrolment is 138 this year, up one from last

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